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Dear Bob,

Thanks for your note telling me that David Ignatius did run the house anecdote by George Lauder. I knew that because George checked it with me and I confirmed the "Remember Pearl Harbor" quote. But the anecdote turned the whole thing around stating that I had tried to take the house away from somebody else rather than the reverse, and it also implied I had been punished by losing the house. Thus, the anecdote was totally wrong although the quote was accurate. It was just misused.

I hope that you and Dave will understand there are no hard feelings about this. I have no desire to embarrass anyone - it is simply a policy of clarifying the record when it can be appropriately done. Too frequently I am not in a position to do that.

I am glad you struck out the last kind of wisecrack I threw in as the last sentence in the letter.

Best regards.

Yours,

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Dear Bill:

On the letter to the editor we published from you last week, I wanted you to know that David Ignatius did run the house anecdote by George Lauder. I am not trying to complain, let alone cause any trouble for George. Obviously there was some kind of misunderstanding, but I wanted you to know that David is not the kind of reporter who uses these things off the wall.

Best regards,



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